TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 339 - HB 567

February 17, 2011

SUMMARY OF BILL: Limits the liability of a bovine owner for any injury, loss, damage, or death of a person resulting from the inherent risks of bovine activities, if the bovine owner posts signs that contain the statutory warning notice, maintains proper fences, and refrains from committing acts or omissions that constitute willful or wanton disregard for the safety of the person. Defines "bovine activity," "bovine owner," and "inherent risks of bovine activities."

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- The proposed liability limitations on bovine owners will have a not significant impact on the caseloads of state courts and will have a not significant fiscal impact on state or local governments. Any monetary impact will be incurred by individuals bringing claims under this section.
- According to the Department of Agriculture, any impact relating to bovine owner liability will be similar to equine owner liability for which the Department has incurred no additional expenditures or regulatory duties.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director

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